# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1170
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MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND HERITAGE SITES
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the huge amount is spent by ASI on the maintenance and preservation of historical monuments and heritage sites;

(b) if so, whether the Government has explored the possibility of hiring out the vacant land around the monuments for holding small functions/parties/festivals etc. against payment of certain percentage of gate money or fixed amount to meet the maintenance/preservation expenditure;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) The expenditure incurred for regular upkeep and maintenance, conservation, chemical treatment and environmental development on centrally protected monuments of the country is furnished below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

| YEAR | EXPENDITURE |
|---|---|
| 2001-2002 | 4839 |
| 2002-2003 | 6650 |
| 2003-2004 | 9027 |
| 2004-2005 (Allocation) | 11264 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per sub-rule (1) and (2) of Rule 7 of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules 1959, Central Government does not rent or hire out land etc. surrounding these monuments. However, on a case to case basis permits are given to hold functions in accordance with the rule and in pursuance of recognized religious usage or custom by stipulating requisite terms and conditions.